

The Intelligencer.

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Advertisement to the Louisville Courier-Journal, the best paper of Kentucky...

Davidson's quotation from the epistle of James in the Gileau trial yesterday was one of the most pointed and telling hits...

The Parkersburg Journal almost insinuates on Senator H. G. D. revoking his determination to quit after March 4th, 1883.

The Georgia independent movement is having newspaper support. Colonel M. E. Thomson, Clerk in the Pension office at Washington, has married a rich North Carolina widow and proposes to return to Atlanta and run a newspaper.

The Cincinnati Medical Society has passed a resolution, copies of which will be distributed throughout the State for signatures...

The Democratic organ in Brooke county, the Nor, is losing heart. It makes this melancholy confession: "Disgrace it we may, there is no question that the Democratic party is rapidly losing its grip upon the Southern States."

The Pennsylvania independent Republicans by naming a day for their State Convention two weeks later than that of the regular one...

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FROM THE CAPITAL.

MATTERS OF NATIONAL INTEREST.

Senator Logan's Pension Agent Claims Bill--The Appropriation for Davis Island Dam--Duty on Steel Blanks--Extension of National Bank Charters--News Notes.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, January 13.--Senator Logan's bill to amend the law relative to the pay of pension claims agents is attracting a good deal of comment over the country...

It seems, by a communication sent in by the Governor, that the bondsmen who agreed to save the State harmless in the matter of the public deposits with the Merchants Bank of Charleston, desire to settle the bank's delinquency to the State at fifty cents on the dollar.

Under the modern head of security that does not secure. So far as the bank and bondsmen are concerned, it is the old game of heads I win, tails you lose.

The bondsmen were exceedingly anxious to get the State's money for the bank to loan out at big rates of interest to its customers, and thus put money in their own pockets as stockholders.

But inasmuch as the bank failed and lost the State's money, the bondsmen now want to plead the baby act, and get out of paying what they agreed to pay.

They found a judge in the Kanawha circuit who decided in their favor. His decision reminds one of the famous Nauvoo jury, who first decided in a suit for damages that the facts be as they might...

It seems to be the main idea in this case that as little money as possible shall leave the town of Charleston. As the Kentucky Judge said about the fine that he had imposed on Tom Marshall for contempt, (Tom having applied to the Judge for a loan to pay it) "Mr. Clerk, remember the fine; the Commonwealth is better able to lose it than I am."

So the Kanawha Judge and bondsmen appear to think about the Commonwealth of West Virginia. She is better able to lose that \$40,000 than Kanawha men who agreed to save her harmless.

But the West Virginia Court of Appeals has not as yet occurred in this Kanawha decision, and for fear they may not, the bondsmen are moved to come forward and offer 50 cents on the dollar.

We rise to inquire whether this is the general way in which the State's deposits are secured in the banks of the Commonwealth? If they are, the sooner they are called in and placed in a vault in the Treasurer's office the better.

INTERESTING LIEBEL SUIT.

A Very Indiscreet Man Brings Suit Against Two Detroit Papers.

DETROIT, Mich., January 13.--A libel suit which excited a deep popular interest in this city terminated this afternoon. Just three years ago the present month a girl named Martha Whitla suddenly disappeared.

Her foster parents lived some miles in the country, and she had been in the habit of spending a part of her time with them and other friends in that vicinity, and a part of the time doing domestic work for various parties in the city.

Some eight years before she had been on the verge of death. He is now largely informed, and one blast from his tongue has next fall, if a fair cause bell arises from the outrages of the corrupt Cameron machine upon popular sentiment, will summon to the field a thousand fold more men than those who arose from the brass and glens of Scotland at the trumpet call of Rodrick Dhu.

The support of 40,000 voters who rallied to the aid of Wolfe last fall will be some 100,000 next fall.

The Second Branch of Council decided last night not to invite the Citizens Committee to set with the joint committee on legislation as an advisory committee of co-operation.

This may or may not mean that the Second Branch is hostile to the Commission project. It is, perhaps, premature to draw an inference one way or the other. Some opposition sentiment to a Commission was undoubtedly developed.

It is not fair, however, as yet to assume that the opposition to the projected reform in the management of the Water Works is in the majority. It is quite evident, however, that it intends to become active in its hostility. On just what grounds it intends to base its opposition remains to be seen.

It is certain that the citizens who met at Washington Hall have no axes to grind in this matter. They are intent upon the public good, in the shape of a desire to secure an increased efficiency and economy in the management of the Water Department of the city.

If this is the motive that actuates the opposition, we suppose the fact will be made apparent in due time. Meanwhile there is nothing to prevent the Citizens Committee from sitting with the Joint Committee of Council. They have already been invited to do so.

The action of the Second Branch only affects their right to vote in the conference. This is not the joint committee, especially if the Joint Committee is, as reported, in sympathy with the Washington Hall meeting.

Those who read the Governor's message have perceived that the State of West Virginia is short of money, and likely to be short. It is the old case over again of not cutting your coat according to your cloth.

Large appropriations require corresponding receipts, and when ordinary sources of revenue fail resort is naturally had to borrowing. The State has started in pretty lively as a borrower. Borrowing will do for a few weeks or months, but pay day comes at last, unless you have a school fund to fall back on, and even then, when the people get to understand that their school fund is being robbed, they are liable to become indignant, as was the case in this State a year ago.

Even a school fund has finally to be reimbursed under pressure of public opinion. Therefore pay day must come in the long run.

This being the case, more money must be raised by taxation. Borrowed money must be paid, together with the interest, and West Virginia is now a large borrower. How shall these taxes be raised? The present plan before the Finance Committee of the House is to have a revaluation of the real estate of the Commonwealth.

The last revaluation was in 1875. This was in a period of depressed values, being two years after the panic. Some of the members of the committee believe that the time has come for an advance in the valuation. It is either this or an increase

OLD TOTAL DEPRAVITY.

BADLY RATTLED BY JUDGE DAVIDGE.

The Eloquent Orator Effluently Crushes the Inspiration Theory by an apt Reference to Scripture--The Vulgar Interruptions and Abuse of the Ansami.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13.--Upon the opening of court Judge D. A. Davidson said: "In justice to myself and Davidson I desire to say that I received a letter yesterday severely denouncing Davidson, and my remarks against him were based upon that. I have found out, however, that I was mistaken, and that Davidson is a high-toned Christian gentleman and a sound lawyer."

I desire, therefore, to withdraw anything I said against him. I still entertain the same opinion of Corkhill, however. I am satisfied that I was wrong about Davidson, but right on Corkhill."

Davidson resumed his argument and in the review of evidence he showed by the evidence of J. W. Gileau and other witnesses that the defendant's policy of Scoville's pet theory that the prisoner was an imbecile.

Soon after the opening of Court Speaker Kellier and ex-Artillery General Tait entered and took seats upon the bench. After a few minutes' rest, General Tait, who was a quiet listener for an hour, Davidson having used some pretty strong language in alluding to Gileau, such as "this unspeakable liar," the prisoner retorted, "Oh, you are looking up with respect to my comments. That happens to be false; that isn't true," and similar expressions.

Davidson paid the prisoner his appearance upon the stand, what he had said and what capacity of intellect he had shown, proving, he said, conclusively that what had gone before had all been sham and hollow. Scoville had dilated upon his morality, and had asserted that the lack of intellect was his failing; on the contrary he had shown upon the stand a wonderful memory, logic, reason and intellectual ability.

Likewise as a defense he had claimed for him virtue and morality. The prosecution had availed themselves of their own testimony, and what had been the result? He had produced a man, a monster of corruption, deceit, depravity and wickedness that the country looked upon with a shudder.

That might have been the case," shouted Gileau, "but the result is the same now. If you could see some of the cases I have been receiving you would see that a good many people think I am one of the best and greatest men in the country."

With wonder and amazement, the prisoner's moral character as evidenced in his past life. "All this time," said the counsel, "no one accused him of insanity. In the opinion of the jury, and family he was sane enough for all the time he was in the jail, but when his hands are red with blood and the outraged law claims him as a sacrifice on the altar of justice we hear of his insanity. Alluding to Gileau's scheme of evidence, Davidson said: "We have to deal simply with the facts, and an audacious man, but there is nothing in such a scheme to indicate insanity. It is a fact, I understand, that the stock of that paper, once worth \$75,000, is now worth \$1,000,000, and that result was reached by putting in successful operation plans similar to those suggested by the prisoner."

Summing up this incident, Davidson said: "It was no indication of insanity--it was simply the result of the fact that the great moving brain and the great figure of the day was that of Charles J. Gileau."

"Thank you, Davidson; I'm glad you are thinking to think so. A great many people are of the opinion that you are the day, but I don't care a snap what they think. I haven't got a bit of egotism," sarcastically called out the prisoner.

Davidson alluded briefly to the testimony of Mrs. Dunne, the direct wife of the prisoner. The testimony was barred from entering upon those confessions which exist between husband and wife. The defense could have done so, but Davidson's testimony was not to be admitted.

Mr. Davidson said that he had not hesitated to say that the prisoner was sane, and that he was a sane man. "She doesn't know anything about me," called out Gileau. "I haven't seen her for eight years."

Mr. Davidson said that he had been busy writing his book, and that he had not seen her for eight years. "She's a liar, anyway," he repeated the comment still more emphatically.

Commenting upon the testimony of Dr. Spitzka, Mr. Davidson said that, notwithstanding the fact that the prisoner's legal responsibility, accepting all the facts, was within the reach of the law and punishment.

At this point a recess was taken. After recess Mr. Davidson resumed his argument with a review and discussion of the evidence, and said that he had never before had so many men of eminence and respect upon a trial of this character. The treasury had been opened to secure the attendance of witnesses. More than twenty experts had been summoned for the defense--many of them well known names who were known to every household. They came here, they watched the prisoner; they listened to his evidence, and what was the result? With two exceptions they vanished from the scene. The evidence like a cloud before the wind, and not a word of it could come upon the stand and swear that this man was legally insane. They met and compared notes and couldn't find a word in his sanity, with the exception of two or three words, and they were forced to say it, that neither of them could admit that they believed in a God. They vanished from before you and were permitted by the defense to withdraw from the scene. Now what has been the result of all this? The result is that the prisoner is a sane man, and that he is a sane man. We have uncovered his moral nature, and we have shown him to be in relation to the law, a pettifogger, a deceiver, a scoundrel, a denizen of jails and a depraved and wicked wretch. In answer to the prisoner's claim of divine inspiration, Mr. Davidson said, with impressive effect, "The Holy Spirit is not in the Epistle of James, thirteenth to fifteen verses, which says, as follows: 'Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God, for God cannot be tempted with evil; neither tempteth he any man; but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed; then when lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death.'"

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THE STATE OF TRADE.

THE WEEKLY BUSINESS REVIEW.

Full and Exhaustive Reports from the Principal Commercial and Trade Centers of the Country, Showing the Condition of Business and Future Prospects.

New York, January 13.--Business has been exceedingly active for the week immediately preceding the holiday season. Orders for merchandise from all over the country are liberal. Prices are firm for most commodities, and there seems to be a hopeful feeling in mercantile circles.

Wheat and corn have been steady, with a fair amount of business doing at about previous prices. The market closes weak. Lard and pork products have been fairly active, but the advance of the latter part of last week has been nearly all lost, and the market closes weak.

The volume of business in cotton has been quite large, with prices fluctuating within the range of twenty points. The market closes fairly steady at a fraction below last week's prices.

In wool there has been a regular steady business doing--not large in amount, but sufficient to keep prices steady at about previous rates.

The demand for American pig iron is good and the price firm. A fair business is being done in Scotch pig. In other branches of the trade business is good and prices firm.

The price trade has shown little animation. Prices steady. In the sugar trade the only feature to note is that the production of hard sugar will be quite limited for some time, owing to the burning of the harvest, refinery, and prices have advanced about one cent. Prices of raw sugars are firm in consequence, and holders are not inclined to make concessions. The demand for the refining trade is moderate. The sugar market will be governed very much by the amount of new crop, which will be known very shortly.

In tea there is no change, though some speculation has imparted more firmness to the market. Importers generally are suffering losses by the present low rates.

In Brazil coffee there is nothing special to note. Large operations are keeping aloof from the market in view of the incoming crop, which is believed to be large.

The dry goods trade is quiet, though there is a slight improvement since last week. Buyers from the South and West are arriving in considerable numbers, and a brisk trade is looked for shortly. Those who are here are buying very freely, and the outlook for a large spring trade is very good.

THE FAULT RECORD. R. G. Dun & Co., of the mercantile agency, report the failures throughout the country the past seven days as 203, the largest number in any week for more than twelve months. The reason for the increase probably is that a large number of persons insolvent toward the end of 1881, for various reasons have contrived to hold over until after the opening of the New Year, and are now trying to compound and settle up their accounts with creditors before the year begins. This seems to be particularly the case in the Southern States, where the failures foot up to twenty-four, in the Western States, fifty, Middle forty, Eastern twenty-two, Pacific coast seven, and in New York City fifteen. No failures of particular significance occurred in New York during the week.

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